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2. The lead mine is located 28 miles northeast of Hong Kong on the border line of the territory, and was formerly owned by the Hong Kong Mines Ltd. It was destroyed by the Japanese during the war. The New Territories Mining Company, Ltd., which Mr. Chi represents has leased the mine for one year. Mr. Chi stated that 60 tons of lead ore per month are being extracted and sold to a London Agent.
3. I was informed that skilled laborers in the mines receive US \$20.00 per month. Wages are controlled to a minimum of US \$15.00 per month. The miners are paid on a piece-work basis. They receive about Hong Kong \$6.00 per catty of ore removed and delivered. Almost all labor is manual. Ore is stripped out, thrown in bags, and hand-carried to collecting point.

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